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SECOND CHOICE TAKES FEATURE

Jack Parker, Well Played, Wins From Hoffman by a Neck.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 27.—Jack Parker, well-played second choice, today captured the fourth race, a handicap, at six furlongs, by a length, from Hoffman, who beat Racquet a neck for the place. The favorite, Mexicana, quit in the stretch. Jockey Loftis was suspended for four days for rough riding. Trainer Grover Bahner denied all privileges, including admission to the grounds, for the alleged making of a proposition to a jockey to "place" a horse. Only one favorite won.

First race—Selling; \$400; two-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs—The Whip (8 to 1), won; White Wool (4 to 5), second; Bob (2 to 1), third. Time, 1:08 2-5. Second race—Selling; \$400; three-year-olds and up; seven furlongs—Maymala (10 to 1) won; Oakhurst (20 to 1), second; Billy Bodemer (5 to 2), third. Time, 1:10. Third race—Selling; purse, \$400; two-year-olds, one mile—Gold Oak (5 to 2) won; Eastern Star (2 to 1), second; Supt (4 to 5) third. Time, 1:42 2-5. Fourth race—Handicap; \$600; all

ages, six furlongs—Jack Parker (7 to 2), won; Hoffman (8 to 1), second; Racquet (10 to 1), third. Time, 1:13 3-5. Fifth race—Selling, \$100; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs—Smoker (6 to 1), won; Parkview (3 to 2), second; Ida D. (6 to 1), third. Time, 1:11.

Sixth race—Selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up; mile and a sixteenth—Sou (12 to 1), won; Falcada (10 to 1), second; Canopian (20 to 1), third. Time, 1:40 4-5.

Y. M. C. A. DEFEATS VARSITY QUINT

Lynchburg, Va., December 27.—In a game teeming with brilliant work, the Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. basketball team tonight defeated the regular Washington and Lee University quint by the score of 35 to 18. The visitors were beaten by better team work, for the association boys outplayed them at almost every stage of the game. Captain Glasgow featured for the varsity, while Jamieson and Johnson were the stars for the association. The line-up: W. & L. Position. Y. M. C. A. Hannis, L. F. Johnson, Moore, R. F. Jamieson, Bear, C. G. Jamieson, McDonald. Glasgow, L. G. O'Farrell, Anderleigh, R. G. Adams. Fifteen minute halves. Field goals: Washington and Lee, 8; Y. M. C. A., 16. Referees, Warthen and Barker.

SCENE FROM "THE FIRING LINE"



Chambers's novel, which will appear in dramatized form at Academy of Music on Saturday.

DR. LAMBETH WRITES LETTER STATING UNIVERSITY'S STAND

Director of Athletics at Virginia Explains Fully How Students Feel Toward V. P. I., and Inclines to Belief That Athletic Committees Will Vote for Game Next Season—Final Action Lies With Faculty Committee.

BY GUS MALBERT.
Prospects for a University of Virginia-Virginia Polytechnic Institute football game next season are ever growing brighter and brighter, despite the former school's somewhat biased individuals who have neither rhyme nor reason for their vaunted opposition except blind and biased obstinacy. Fortunately for the benefit of the vast majority who are interested in the future welfare of the two schools and also in their athletic relations, the authorities are taking a different view of the situation and are willing to listen to argument.

It is particularly gratifying to me, as I know it will be to thousands of people in Richmond and the State at large, to learn of the position taken by Dr. W. A. Lambeth, whose interest in athletics is well known to all followers of college sports in the South. Dr. Lambeth is a letter to me says that, so far as he is concerned, the past will not be considered in taking up the question of the game. He goes further and states that the body which is largely in favor of the game, and entertains a very cordial regard for V. P. I.

Value of Outdoor Exercise.
The value of athletics to either university or college lies in the physical development of the men engaging in such sports. What such physical development is obtained, the student is better able to do the work mapped out for him. He is brighter in the classroom and in all round better condition than the fellow who leads a continuous indoor existence. But even in this case, it looks as if the question of which school is to be played hardly enters into the argument, again presuming that selection will be made from among reputable institutions.

Both Schools Cordial.
I am certain that the same thing can be said with regard to V. P. I.'s feeling toward Virginia. The rancor of the past has been wiped out and in its place has grown a warm regard for the great institution of learning at Charlottesville.

It is a question of prestige to be gained through association with some of the major schools throughout the United States, that puts a different light on the situation. Such being the case, the department of athletics bears the same relation to a university or college as does the press agent to a theatrical production, and the aid to education achieved through athletics in increasing the enrollment, through exploitation of athletic prowess.

Premises May Be Unfounded.
I am not charging that any of the above happens to fit the present case. I am certain that the faculty committee of the university would never take such a position. The game could be achieved or not enter into the question. I am simply anxious to find out just in what way a game with V. P. I. could lessen the educational value of the university. Blackburg sends many students to the university, and athletic relations would certainly tend to increase regard for the one for the other. Naturally, I hope that the faculty committee will favor the game. I trust that when they consider the question they can see their way clear to acquiescence in the desire for the contest.

Dr. Lambeth's Letter.
Gus Malbert, Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch, Richmond:
Dear Mr. Malbert—I thank you for your letter of the 22nd.

A vast majority of the student bodies of both schools was at the game. As Dr. Lambeth says, the past has been forgotten. In the light of these facts, let us all hope that the faculty committee may view the question from the same angle.

Concerning the Virginia-V. P. I. matter I have mailed to the president of the General Athletic Association your wire to me and know that it will be taken up by that committee immediately after the holidays. I go to New York to-morrow to attend society meetings which will keep me away until January 1. When I return I shall ask the faculty committee to take the matter up.

The General Athletic Association committee, consisting of four students and one alumnus, meets every Saturday at 5 P. M. This committee I feel sure would favor such a game from an athletic standpoint and will probably vote for it. The feeling here among students is, so far as I know, very friendly toward V. P. I. At the football banquet held on the first Saturday of this month, V. P. I. was the only institution specifically toasted, Mr. Hunter, former responding with a very tasteful and diplomatic speech. The past, so far as athletics are concerned, will not, I feel sure, take any part in the discussion.

The faculty committee on athletics will not be influenced by athletic prejudice unconnected with the main function of the university. They will make up their minds upon this point, and this only: Is it best for the educational value of the university to play V. P. I. or not? This committee is composed entirely of faculty members who are, to some extent, interested in athletics, but only if it is compatible with the best interests of the university, and if they can see that it will advance the cause of education they will vote for it. Otherwise they will vote against the proposition. This is what I referred to in my wire—I was not thinking about eligibility or the past.

But Mr. Bellew's company deserves almost as hearty praise as does he himself. Ernest Stallars who last season, in "The Builder of Bridges," gave such a striking performance as Peter Holland, was again beyond criticism in the ordinary. Frank Connor, also with Bellew last season, played well the comparatively small part of Harry Maters. Now, in "The Builders of Bridges," an unusually lovely woman, who was attractive and played well enough, as I said last New Year's Day, was all of that and more last night. She has broadened in her work, and her performance as "Ewendolm Connor" was thoroughly convincing—and she is so lovely that even if she were not a competent actress it would be a pleasure merely to look at her. Elliott Paget made the most of the bit of Lady Melrose; Bernard Fairfax was so good in the very small part of Lord Crowley—always "a bit puffed"—that Mr. Bellew or his management de-

signed) DR. W. A. LAMBETH.
I trust that Dr. Lambeth will understand my purpose in publishing this letter. It is the first time in my knowledge that a true and authoritative statement of the feeling at the university has been made, and while I did not tell him that I purposed publishing his letter, I feel that, in view of

the explicit manner in which he has stated the facts, it would be far more of an injustice to refrain from giving the public this glimpse behind the scenes.

logs, its heavy furniture and staircases leading to the gallery and upper floors, and over the mantel and on the walls the mural devices and quarterings of an old and noble house; the second shows Raffles's chambers, typical of a man about town—plenty of books, a writing table, a picture or two, on the walls a leopard's head, boxing gloves, fencing foils, single-sticks, hockey clubs, and all with a minute attention to detail worthy of David Belasco or Henry Miller.

Personally, I am glad that there is an opportunity to see it again to-day.

Do the Dead Come Back?
When Robert W. Chambers wrote his novel, "The Firing Line," he handled as the chief theme of the book the question that is just now the supreme question among scientists: Do the dead come back? The scientific world has two answers. Thomas Edison's answer was emphatically no until recently.

When he was visited by a New York spiritualist, whose powers were so remarkable that Mr. Edison confessed himself at a loss as to what to think. On the other hand, Professor Hugo Munsterberg, the great psychologist, is firmly opposed to the idea that dwellers in this world ever receive manifestations from any other world. Contrasting strongly with Professor Munsterberg's views on the matter are those of the late Caesar Lombroso and Professor William James, only recently deceased. Both Lombroso and James promised on their deathbeds to return from the spirit world with messages, and these messages their friends are now constantly awaiting.

In the dramatization of "The Firing Line," which will be seen at the Academy on Saturday, Richard Walton Tully has left the question unanswered. Louis Malcourt, a character in the play, holds long, pleasant conversations with his dead father, who was a suicide. The other characters in the drama look upon Malcourt as half-mad, yet, in the powerful ending of the second act, Malcourt is made to receive a message while he is in a trance that saves a scolding friend from utter financial disaster. The message is looked upon as a hallucination by Malcourt's acquaintances, but Malcourt firmly believes, and when, in the third act, his dead father summons him, Malcourt straightens all the tangles of the play by accepting the summons, and goes out to meet his father with a smile.

Horsemen Will Meet.
Cleveland, Ohio, December 27.—H. K. Devereux, president of the Grand Circuit convention issued a call for a national convention of all horsemen to meet in Buffalo, January 5. The object of the convention is stated to be "the betterment of the trotting interests, whether track managers, owners or trainers."

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS OF REVOLVER MATCHES
Springfield, Mass., December 27.—Unofficial returns from the first round matches in the indoor league race of the United States Revolver Association were announced to-day by Secretary-Treasurer C. S. Axtell, of this city. The Manhattan Revolver Club, of New York, shot the highest score of the round, and the St. Louis and

It now develops that there is little truth in the statement that Bunting has been let go by Washington to Atlanta. The story which was sent out some weeks ago has never been confirmed, and from a conversation with W. B. Bradley yesterday it was gathered that Richmond has very bright prospects of getting the North Carolina youngster who made such a good impression here last season. In a few days Mr. Bradley will know positively whether Washington will let him have the boy for the draft price, and he has much reason to believe that both Noyes and McAleer will favor the deal.

Sullivan manages to keep pretty closely in touch with Richmond these days. In a letter yesterday he states that he thinks he has landed an infielder who will make good. Nothing doing in the name line for the reason that he didn't want to give out any definite information until he actually had the man signed. Very good business.

Scopers to the contrary notwithstanding, it looks very favorable to a Virginia-V. P. I. football game next year. Dr. Lambeth, while not expressing his own opinion, does say that sentiment favorable to such a contest is rapidly crystallizing. Wouldn't it be great if it really did happen? And do you know of any good reason why it should not happen?

Here is the latest argument against an eight-club league. Suppose the eight-club affair was adapted by the league, and supposing further that two additional clubs would be secured to make up the octet, where would it be possible to find another city should one of the towns drop out?

It is always customary in every league to secure protection for one or two towns in addition to the regular circuit, as a matter of precaution. You can never tell when some town will drop out for any one of a number of reasons, and unless there is other protected territory, the league must, when this happens, necessarily drop still another club.

There is but little chance for increasing the present circuit. The Norfolk conference should settle the question of circuit for all time. Owner Bradley thinks that he has a plan which will bring about an amicable settlement of the vexatious question, and will present it when he goes to Norfolk Thursday.

"You can pretty nearly tell how many friends you have," said the aviator, "after you return from a flight for an altitude record. The trouble seems to be that when you are in the air friends multiply at a too rapid rate while the alighting brings out clearly the truth."

Poor Jack Burns got an awful licking at the hands of the Australian heavy, Lang. The bout was stopped by the officials after Burns had been beaten to a pulp. Burns, while big and strong, has never proven a winner. He's a youngster, however, and has a chance to come back.

Billy Papke was another to receive his medicine via the Australian route. Dave Smith, from the island continent, handed the knockouts to America's pride, Papke, in the fight on a foul. Bad day for America.

Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette will get together early next month before the Armory Athletic Club, of Boston. The last time these two heavies got together, Langford got the decision, though Charlie White, the referee, declared it to be one of the most vicious battles he ever saw. The fans should

Smith & Wesson Clubs, of Springfield, were tied for second. The scores follow:
Manhattan, New York, 1,108; St. Louis, 1,081; National Capitol, 1,055; Newark, 1,055; Seattle, 1,051; Spokane, 1,051; Century, 1,045; Boston, 1,044; Philadelphia, 1,015; Shell Mound, 1,017; Oakland, 999; Willow, 1,025; Louisville, KY., 985; Culbren, Panama, 983; Miles Standish, Portland, 961; Columbus, O., 958; Youngstown, O., 931; Duluth, Minn., 943.

NEWSPAPER MAN IS RULED OFF THE TURF
Jacksonville, Fla., December 27.—At a meeting of the stewards of the Southern Jockey Club, held here to-day, Bert E. Collier, a Chicago newspaper correspondent, was ruled off the turf for alleged extortion of various sums of money during the 1905-16 racing season here from R. D. Williams, a prominent owner.

According to affidavits presented to the Jockey Club by several gentlemen Collier, in return for moneys accepted and for wagers placed for him, promised the support of the newspaper with which he was connected. Instead of continuing publication of articles he had previously contributed, in which he attacked Williams and his method of racing, Collier had been barred from the local course since the beginning of the present meeting, pending an investigation of the charges brought against him.

The fans up in Danville seem to be highly pleased over the outlook for next season. Joe Laughlin, who will take Steve Griffin's place as manager, is particularly popular with the people who look at the games. Smith, who signed with the "Bugs" last season after having been let go by Portsmouth and Petersburg, will return, and is expected to make good. Mullenx will again be in the city on the Dan, but Rickert, Gaston, Sullivan, Schrader and Hooker will probably be let out because of their demand for higher salaries than the team can afford.

Buck Hooker should have little trouble trying to come club in a league where the salary limit is just a trifle higher than in Virginia. Hooker is a local boy and has many friends, all of whom will watch his future career with interest. By the way, it looks as if Stanley Rigbie will have to leave the State, too. Stanley is no cheap man, and unless Norfolk comes across with his price he will go further.

Just remember whenever you get real blue and feel that there will never be an ending of the long nights, that in exactly 104 days the umpire will say, "Play ball." Now smile.

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